

was / were



was / were

Subject	Singular	Plura I
First person	I	We
Second person	You	You
Third person	He, She, It, Name (ex: Sam)	They

Use of was / were

- used in past tense

(Past tense used to talk about conditions that happened already)

was -> singular objects (except you) – I, He, She, It, Name

were -> plural objects (you – exception-singular and plural), we, they

Match the following

I

We

You

He

She

It

They



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Verbs in English comes in three main categories

- The Affirmative
- The Negative
- The Interrogative

* **The Affirmative** -> asserting that something is true or valid.

* **The Negative** -> denying something.

* **The Interrogative** -> asking a question.

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
I was You were He was She was It was We were They were Ravi (name) was Examples:	I was not You were not He was not She was not It was not We were not They were not Ravi was not	Was I? Were you? Was he? Was she? Was it? Were we? Were they? Was Ravi?

I was a doctor -> Affirmative

He was not a doctor -> Negative

Were you a doctor ? -> Interrogative

Examples using 'was' and 'were' - Affirmative

- * I was reading.
- * You were studying.
- * He was collecting stamps.
- * She was dancing.
- * It was dark and cloudy.
- * We were friends.
- * They were distributing sweets.
- * Ravi was a cobbler.

Examples using 'was' and 'were' - Negative

- * I was not biting my nails.
- * You were not lying.
- * He was not scolding others.
- * She was not scribbling on the wall.
- * It was not heavy to lift.
- * We were not fighting with each other.
- * They were not destroying the forest.
- * Ravi was not a thief.

Examples using 'was' and 'were' - Interrogative

- * Was I reading a newspaper?
- * Were you admitted in the hospital?
- * Was he paying attention?
- * Was it dangerous?
- * Were we struggling to answer the questions?
- * Was she covering all her books?
- * Were they new to school?
- * Was Ravi a policeman?

Fill in the blanks with was / were (Affirmative)

1. I _____ in Jammu and Kashmir last spring.
2. We _____ at school on Saturday.
3. Tina _____ at home yesterday.
4. Priya and Ragul _____ Mithun's friends.
5. You _____ very busy on Friday.
6. They _____ in front of the supermarket.
7. I _____ in the museum.
8. She _____ in Canada last month.
9. I _____ at the bus stop.
10. It _____ hot and sunny.

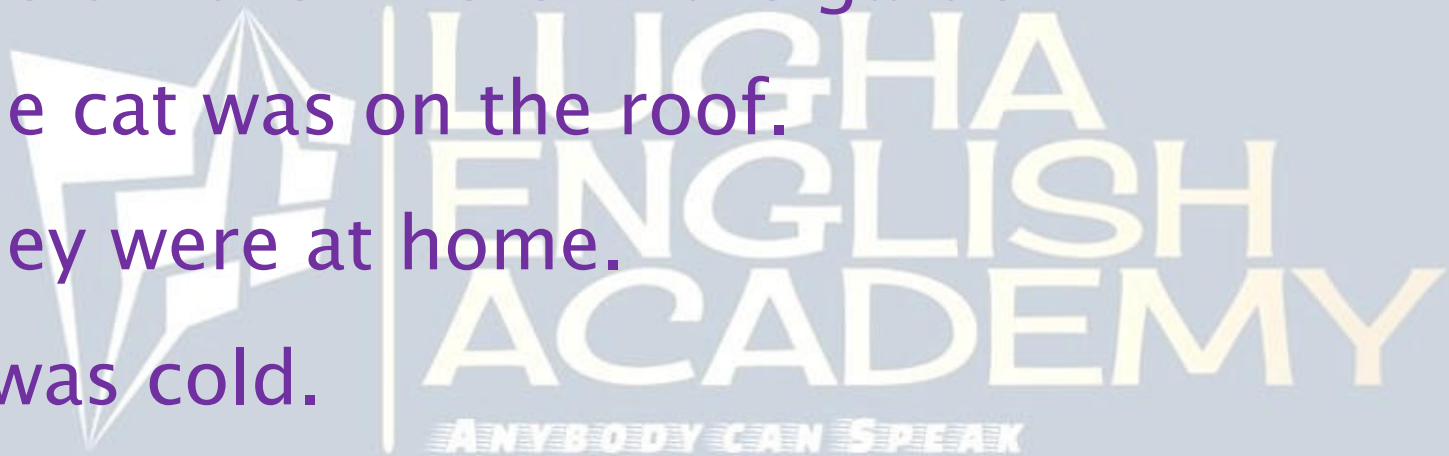
Rewrite the following into a negative sentences

1. I was a fast runner.
2. We were happy together.
3. They were best friends.
4. He was our teacher.
5. Nishanth was hungry.
6. The windows were open.
7. Your sister was here.
8. There was a book on the table.
9. It was a nice day.
10. Jaya and I were on the same team.



Rewrite the following into a interrogative sentences

1. I was happy.
2. You were at the cinema.
3. The children were in the garden.
4. The cat was on the roof.
5. They were at home.
6. It was cold.
7. She was in Ooty.
8. I was feeling well.
9. We were going through tough times.
10. The school was closed.



Make questions with was or were

Ex : 1. the car / fast -> Was the car fast?

2. the pizza / tasty ->

3. the traffic / heavy ->

4. the movie / good ->

5. the quiz / easy ->

6. the weather / nice ->

7. the hotel / expensive ->

8. The chairs / comfortable ->

9. The children / noisy ->

10. The books / interesting ->



Wh – Questions (was/were)

- are also called information questions because we are trying to get some specific information from another person (not just a 'yes' or 'no' answer)

Be verbs (formula)

WH + Be + Subject

Example : What was that noise?
Why were you late?
What were you doing?

Wh – Questions (was / were)

Question words

1. Who – person

Ex: Who was that ?

2. Where - place

Ex: Where were you going?

3. Why - reason

Ex: Why were you starving?

4. How – condition or quality of something

Ex: How was the party?

5. What – object, idea or action

Ex: What was your job?

Wh – Questions (was / were)

Question words

6. Which – choice

Ex: Which one was your ball?

7. Whose – possession

Ex: Whose purse was that?

8. When – time, occasion, moment

Ex: When was your wedding?

9. How many – number of items

Ex: How many cars were there?

Fill in with the correct WH question

1. _____ was I sleeping?

a) Who b) When c) Where

2. _____ was the movie?

a) Who b) Where c) When

3. _____ was she?

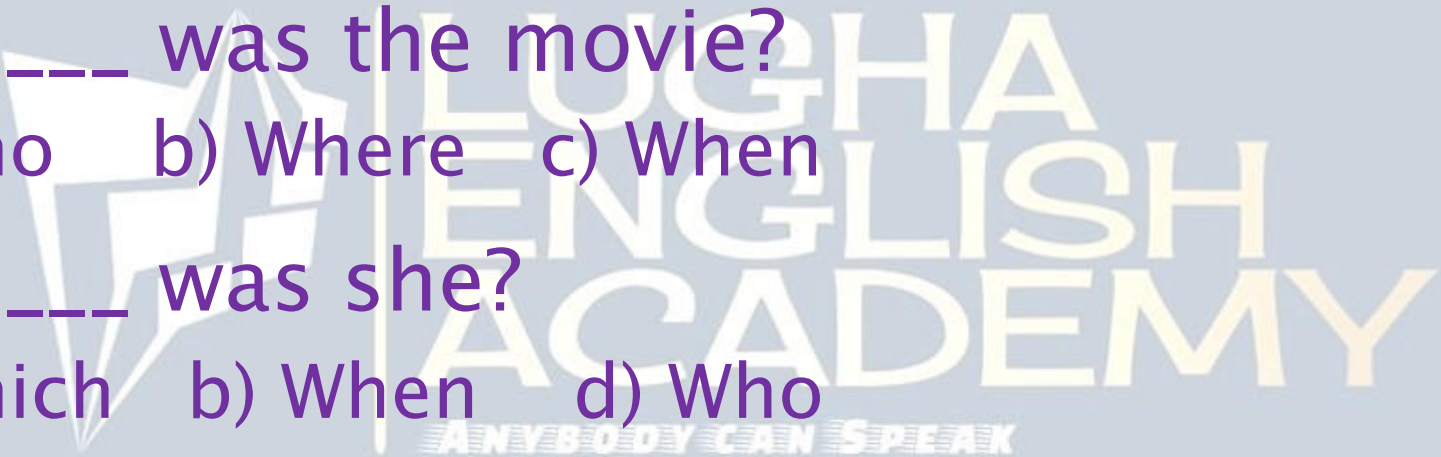
a) Which b) When d) Who

4. _____ was it?

a) Where b) Who c) How

5. _____ were we hungry?

a) Who b) Which c) Why



Fill in with the correct WH question

6. _____ was your first day of school?

- a) Who b) When c) How

7. _____ was your friend?

- a) Who b) Where c) Which

8. _____ was your idea about that?

- a) Who b) Where d) What

9. _____ was the meeting?

- a) When b) Who c) Which

10. _____ were you lying?

- a) Why b) Who c) What

Fill in the blanks with was / were

1. Why _____ the students not listening?
2. Where _____ you?
3. How _____ the climate?
4. When _____ he leaving?
5. Why _____ they at the hospital?
6. How long _____ the concert?
7. Where _____ your sister last summer?
8. What _____ she afraid of?

Fill in the blanks with was / were

9. How _____ the movie?

10. Where _____ your bags?

11. Who _____ that on the phone?

12. How old _____ you last year?

13. Who _____ your teacher?

14. Where _____ her watch?

15. Who _____ your partner?

Additional worksheets



Fill in the blanks with was / were

1. Sheela ____ painting a picture.
2. They ____ jumping on the bed.
3. Amir ____ absent yesterday.
4. My brother ____ not ill.
5. My parents ____ not disappointed.
6. ____ the pizza delicious?
7. ____ the children excited?
8. Peter ____ not late for work.
9. ____ you in Paris last week?

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Fill in the blanks with was /were.

1.We----- at school last Saturday.

2.Tina ----- at home yesterday.

**3.I called you at the weekend, but you-----
not at home.**

**4.The shops -----open yesterday, but we
didn't go there.**

5.----- it a red hat?

